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Mr. YAKUB HASAN :—" Are the Government aware that the Mysore Government is using teak poles for transmission lines ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" My information is otherwise, namely, that the Mysore Government is generally using steel poles, and teak poles only on insignificant lines. On all important lines they are using steel poles."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN :—" Why should they use teak poles on insignificant lines? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Because probably, the cost of transport of teak poles is not heavy."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know whether the steel poles are indigenous or foreign?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" As far as I am aware, teak poles are indigenous; no teak is imported from outside."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" I beg your pardon. I am afraid I did not make myself heard. I was referring to steel poles."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I want notice."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN :—" The cost of steel pole given here is the same as the cost of teak pole. Is it that longer life has been taken into account? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes, longer life and protection against interruptions due to lightning, as is referred to in the answer."

Law Department

Appointment of a temporary Assistant Secretary for Law (Drafting) Department.

* 423 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a temporary Assistant Secretary for drafting has been appointed by the Government to be in charge of the Estates Land Act (Amending Bill) and if so, what are his pay and allowances and for what period he has been appointed; and

(*b*) what is the nature of the work that is proposed to be done by him?

A.—(*a*) An Assistant Secretary has been appointed to give relief to the Under Secretary (Drafting) whose work has been on the increase since 1929 and has been particularly heavy since the beginning of this year. The appointment of the Assistant Secretary is not solely for the Estate Land Act (Amendment) Bill. His salary is Rs. 500. No allowances are granted to him. The appointment is for a period of six months.

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(b) It is intended that he should be responsible for such portion of the work of the Law (Drafting) Department as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Under Secretary, Law (Drafting) Department.

Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA:—" My question was whether the Assistant Secretary was appointed to be in charge of the Estates Land Act (Amending Bill). May I know whether that was not the principal object and whether the appointment was not made in that connexion? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" No, Sir. It was in connexion with the heaviness of work in that section."

Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA:—" When was the appointment made and what is the work entrusted to the Assistant Secretary? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The appointment was made some time ago, and the work to be done by the Assistant Secretary, as is stated in one of the answers, is regulated by the Under Secretary."

Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA:—" What is the date of appointment? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Notice."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know what was the heaviness of work due to?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" That section has to deal with many rules under the Acts, and recently it had to deal with many Bills."

Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA:—" Who is the person appointed and what are his qualifications? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" He is, I believe, an M.A., and an M.L."

Forests

Forest grievances of the ryots of Harur, Salem district.

* 424 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the ryots of the taluk of Harur in Salem district held a conference at Thirthamalai on 9th September 1928 and passed some resolutions regarding their difficulties in forest matters and communicated them to the Collector and to the Government; and

(b) what action has been taken in the matter; if not, why not?

A.—(a) No resolutions have been received by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDAR:—" May I know, Sir, whether the resolutions have been received at least by the Collector of Salem? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I do not know."